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DIVISION OF  
OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Mr. Daniels:

Enclosed please find copies of on-site inspection reports. The inspections were conducted within Bear Creek Mine during the period of January 9, 1980.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Murray I. Smith  
Chief, Division of Inspection & Enforcement

REGION V ON-SITE INSPECTION REPORT

CO-OP MINING COMPANY  
BEAR CREEK MINE  
P.O. Box 277  
Huntington, Utah 84528

DATE: January 9, 1980  
TIME: 11:00 a.m.  
WEATHER: Light snow  
COUNTY & STATE: Emery County, Utah  
COMPANY OFFICIAL: Wendell Owen  
STATE OFFICIALS: Joe Helfrich, Doug Stewart  
OSM OFFICIALS: Ron Gregg, Venon Maldonado  
STATE PERMIT NO: Pending  
MSHA I.D. NO:

This is a new mine development by the present owner operators of the Co-op Mine. The operator began development without approval of the State Regulatory Authority, and was given a Cessation Order by the State. The Cessation Order requires complete cessation of all work at the site entrance until a State permit is obtained by the operator.

The operator was advised that development of a new mine requires that environmental protection measures be taken before any further mine development occurs. First, a mining plan must be submitted and approved by the State Regulatory Authority. A permit must be obtained before work at the site begins.

The sediment control system is to be constructed first. All ditches, culverts, diversions, and sediment ponds as specified in 30 CFR 817.41 & 817.52, and in the approved state plan must be constructed first. All topsoil must be picked up, stockpiled, and protected as required in 30 CFR 817.21 & 817.25, and as specified in the approved State mining plan. In any area where the topsoil is not picked up due to excessively rocky conditions, a variance must be written into the mining and reclamation plan, and approved by the State.

An application for an NPDES permit to discharge water must be submitted and a permit must be received and kept on the site as soon as sediment pond facilities are built.

All signs must be posted immediately as required in 30 CFR 817.11. This includes a mine permit sign, signs regarding blasting, and signs identifying topsoil piles. Buffer zone signs are required by 817.57 under the permanent regulations. A perimeter identification system consisting of permit boundary markers is also required under the permanent regulations.

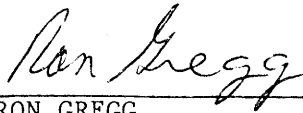
No structures should be built and no disturbance of any kind should take place within 100 feet on either side of the main stem of Bear Creek. This buffer zone is required in 30 CFR 817.57 to protect the stream.

Waste from development of mine facilities and portals must be disposed in accordance with 817.71 and only in an area approved in the State mining plan.

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Waste must not be put on topsoil and the operator must be aware of all requirements in the permanent Office of Surface Mining (OSM) regulations on waste disposal areas.

The subjects mentioned above are areas where this inspector anticipated that violations may occur in the Bear Creek Mine development. The operator is responsible for all the regulations on underground mining covered in 30 CFR, part 817, pages 15422-15448, of volume 44, number 50, dated March 13, 1979, of the Federal Register. A marked copy of these regulations is included with this report for the operators information.



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RON GREGG  
RECLAMATION SPECIALIST